[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

(*b*) the respective amounts of these tenders; and

(*c*) the tender that was accepted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*c*) The tender of Messrs. Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd. Bombay, was accepted.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd., Bombay is a European Firm or an Indian Firm?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Does the member want to know whether it is an English Firm?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is an English Firm.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What Firm do Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield represent? Is it also an English Firm?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is also an English Firm.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why the lowest tender was not accepted in this case?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Mirrlees's Diesel engines have been found to be the most popular engines employed in modern Power Stations. This engine is used in not less than 80 power stations. The reason why the lowest tender was not accepted in this case is that this engine shows a saving of oil in full load of about 15% and in three-quarters load of about 18 per cent. The saving works out in the first case to 1,600 Rupees and in the second case to Rs. 1,920. In the course of a few years this machine will more than pay the difference in the tenders between this and that of the lowest tender on account of the saving. Moreover, this machine has been tried and found to be most useful. Hence this was chosen and the tender of Messrs. Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd. accepted.

Appointments in the Registration Department.

107. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acting clerks, working in the Registration Department, who have passed the English or the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination, in addition to the Registration Test;

(*b*) the number of acting clerks, working in the Registration Department, who have not passed the Registration Test;

(*c*) whether candidates who have not passed the Registration Test have been appointed to clerical posts permanently or temporarily at the time when new Sub-Registry Offices were established in 1103;

* *Vide* Appendix III—pages 647-648.

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(*d*) whether there is no provision to the effect that only those who have passed the Registration Test should be entertained as clerks in the department; and

(*e*) if any new appointments have been made in contravention of this provision, the reasons for the departure?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are 48 temporary and 25 acting clerks in the department who have passed the Registration Entrance Test. Of these, one has passed the English School Leaving Certificate Examination while all the rest have passed the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination.

(*b*) There are 21 temporary and 52 acting clerks who have not passed the Registration Entrance Test.

(*c*) No candidate who has not passed the Registration Entrance Test or the Registration Test, Higher Grade, has been appointed to any clerical post *permanently*. But it is reported that, in connection with the opening of the new Sub-Registry Offices, 9 temporary clerkships were given to candidates holding English School Leaving Certificates and belonging to some of the less represented communities among whom there are no men who had passed the Registration Entrance Test.

(*d*) The provisions are as follow :

(i) No person shall be eligible for permanent appointment to any clerical post in the Registration Department, the sanctioned pay of which is Rs 15 and above, per mensem, unless he shall have passed the B. A. Degree examination of any recognised university or the Registration Entrance Examination.

(ii) Graduates of the Madras or any other recognised university shall be eligible for appointment to any clerical post in the department carrying a pay of Rs. 15 and above, but below Rs. 25 without their passing the Registration Entrance Examination.

(iii) No person shall be eligible for appointment or promotion to posts in the Registration Department the sanctioned pay of which is Rs. 25 and above per mensem, unless he is a Graduate of any recognised university or has passed the Registration Test, Higher Grade.

(iv) Graduates appointed or promoted to permanent vacancies on Rs. 25 and above will be on probation. If they do not pass the Registration Test, Higher Grade, within two years after their appointment or promotion, they are liable to be discharged or reverted.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*d*), this does not arise.

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